AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph **[0008]** with the following amended paragraph:

> **[0008]** For this reason, another proposal has been made. According to the proposal, an image pick-up element such as a [[COMS]] CMOS sensor that can perform a nondestructive read-out of data is used and a plurality of small area blocks are specified among all of the pixels of the aforementioned image pick-up element. Then, the data of the pixels contained in the specified block is read out in a nondestructive manner. Then, the obtained image data is utilized for a blur-detection.

Please replace paragraph **[0009]** with the following amended paragraph:

> **[0009]** For example, Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. H5-130489 discloses that in order to increase the speed of block matching processing, an image pick-up element such as a [[COMS]] CMOS sensor that can perform a nondestructive read-out is used, the data of the pixels contained in the specified blocks among all of the pixels of the aforementioned image pick-up element is read out in a nondestructive manner, and then the read-out pixel data is transmitted to a block matching portion. By utilizing the nondestructive read-out of the pixel data, a blur-detection can be performed by reading out the pixel data plural times at a high-speed period during the exposure.

Please replace paragraph **[0051]** with the following amended paragraph:

> **[0051]** However, in the aforementioned nondestructive reading, since the reading in the [[rest]] reset state is not performed, noise cancellation processing cannot be performed within the image pick-up element 403. Therefore, in this embodiment, an implication output for one screen is stored in the memory as an FPN table.

Then, the noise cancellation processing is performed by subtracting the corresponding implication output from the pixel data.